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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Tom Locke, Co-chair and State Board of Health Member
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SUBJECT: NEWBORN SCREENING UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we are moving forward to prepare the proposed Newborn Screening Rule revision for the State Board of Health's consideration. According to the Board's approved timeline, we need to proceed with the proposed rule revision now that the State budget FY 2003-05 is final. This memo summarizes the funding for newborn screening in the state budget for FY 2003-05, proposed revisions to the Newborn Screening rule, and the timeframe for Board action.

Budget Highlights

The 2003-2005 state budget passed by the legislature approved the fee increase for the five additional blood tests as mandatory screenings. Funding was also included to cover the Medicaid costs that will be incurred when these tests are mandatory. The legislature did not provide the funding to cover costs for newborn hearing screening as a mandatory screening. DOH did receive funding to assist hospitals under the current voluntary system. The chart below shows the beginning budget proposal by the Governor and the final budget as passed by the legislature.

<u>Budget Update: 03-05 Biennium</u> <u>January 2004 start date</u>		
	NEWBORN SCREENINGS: METABOLIC DISORDERS (5)	NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING
PROPOSED BUDGET	DOH: \$2.35 million <i>general fund local (fees)</i> MAA: \$1.1 million <i>(one-half is general fund state and the other is federal)</i>	DOH: \$222,000 <i>general fund local (fees)</i> MAA: packaged with other five newborn screenings
FINAL BUDGET	DOH \$2.35 million <i>general fund local (fees)</i> MAA \$ 848,000 <i>(one-half is gen. fund state and the other is federal)</i> TOTAL: \$3,198,000	DOH \$222,000 <i>state general-fund</i> MAA None TOTAL: \$222,000

Proposed WAC revisions

Based upon the action of the legislature, the following will be the basis for the rule language developed for the State Board of Health's consideration:

- Mandate the five additional metabolic disorders for universal screening as recommended by the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. The five disorders are Biotinidase Deficiency, Galactosemia, Homocystinuria, Medium chain Acyl co-A Dehydrogenase Deficiency, and Maple syrup Urine Disease.
- Include privacy requirements as recommended by the Genetics Advisory Committee.
- Implementation of proposed Newborn Screening rule to begin January 1, 2004.

Recommendations to the Board

In addition to the rule, the following will be recommended to the State Board of Health:

- Recommend that the approved criteria be used in the future as a starting place for considering additional disorders for universal screening.
- Request that DOH track and encourage efforts for voluntary newborn hearing screening and report back to the Board in Spring 2004.
- Request that the Board consider reconvening the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee in Spring 2004 to consider current information on cystic fibrosis, newborn hearing, and other possible disorders.

Upcoming Timeframe

The State Board of Health will hold a public hearing in Yakima on the proposed Newborn Screening rules on October 15, 2003. The proposed rules will be available by August 21 for public review and comment. We welcome you to review the proposed rule and to attend the public hearing. The proposed rule will be sent to you, and you may view the rule on the State Board of Health website, [Washington State Board of Health Rule Making](http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview), you may also view the rule and comment on the proposal via the Department of Health's rules website at: <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview> .

Thank you for your continued interest and support of universal newborn screening.